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APPLICANT(S): Shimkets *et al.*
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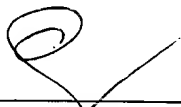
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement (1 pg.);
2. Petition for Extension of Time (in duplicate) (1 pg);
3. Preliminary Amendment (3 pg);
4. Check No.13330 in the amount of \$920.00 to cover extension fee; and,
5. Return Postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any filing fees required in connection with the papers transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 Reference No. 15966-606 (CURA-106). A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

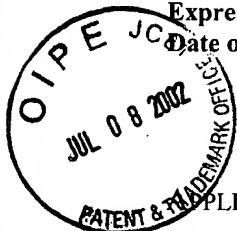

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 12, 2002, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-4, 29, and 32, drawn to an isolated polypeptide, compositions and kits comprising said polypeptide, of SEQ ID NO:32, classified in class 530, subclass 350, without traverse.

A petition for three-month extension of time, with the appropriate fee, is enclosed. With the extension of time, this document is due on or before Friday, July 12, 2002. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-606 (CURA-106).

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